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SOME EDITORIAL COMMENT

By Frederic Heath.

The Socialist vote in Chicago increased seven per cent in the recent election and the party is in third place. Hearst's independence League made a poor showing and finished fourth.

It is a cheering sign when a czar has to dissolve a parliament to get rid of the Social-Democrats. This was what was done in Finland by Czar Nick of Russia. And even at that he hasn't gotten rid of the Socialists.

At a recent conference of the Methodist Church in New York state the Rev. A. E. Barnett said that Socialists were justified in indicting the church for neglecting to fight the battles of humanity. He denounced modern capitalism in no uncertain terms. This is simply one little incident out of a great many that show the way modern thought is tending.

"If Socialism cannot be met fairly by reason and argument, in frank, open discussion, then its onward sweep cannot be checked," says a Milwaukee daily. That's true. So far capitalism has sought to kill it off by the most wretched falsehoods and misrepresentations, and it gets livelier every minute. But it would succeed no better by "frank, open discussion," and it cannot begin the experiment too soon to suit us.

Consul Frank W. Mahin writes from Nottingham that increased liberality is being shown in England in the care of the poor. The new workhouse in Nottingham cost \$1,250,000. The cost of maintaining paupers in workhouses increased 65 per cent from 1896 to 1907, and of relieving the poor outside of such institutions 55 per cent. The per capita cost to the people of maintaining the poor in England and Wales is now 48 cents.

Speaking of recent political developments among the people, the *Washington Post* says: "A new alignment was had, but nobody clearly sees what it is. Everything is chaotic. All that is certain is that Socialism has become a powerful political factor, and no man can imagine what will be written on the page of our political future of the next decade. All we know is that the old parties are dead."

This is strong talk—rather! But it shows how they are scared.

The criticisms of the stewardship of the Trinity Church corporation in New York will probably burst forth anew on account of a magazine article just published by Charles Edward Russell, in which he exposes as much as can be found out about the ownership of the Trinity Church estate.

Heretofore the criticisms have been levelled at the church for praising God on Sunday and rack-renting slum dwellers on week days as owner of some of the worst slum properties in the city. But it now appears that the church as an owner of vast properties is mysteriously in the hands of certain ungodly leeches who pass as leading citizens, and that they make no reports to the church nor to anyone else, and have everything absolutely in their own hands.

It is one of the strangest exposures of recent years, inasmuch as it exposes only the outside of the queer state of things. Christ drove money-mongers out of the temple—but not for long!

Long ago the capitalists found the Salvation Army a thing worth encouraging. Capitalism inevitably produces unfit, degenerate and also worthy but unsuccessful men. While it is to capitalism's interest to have a sort of army of surplus laborers on hand right along so that there will be competition for the jobs and therefore a low rate of wages, the condition of being out of work tends to demoralization and so overtaxes the capitalistic charity arrangements. Moreover, a large element of such despised people is dangerous and the Salvation Army sets itself the task of keeping this element just above the reckless and desperate line. And to this it has added colonization. It ships away the people that capitalism feels uneasy about. A concrete instance of its methods is found in the cry from the Canadian organized workers against the stimulated immigration to that country. Although the Canadian labor market is overrun, and badly so, the assisted immigrants keep pouring in, and it is claimed that the Salvation Army is responsible for a large part of this. The Army knows that Canada is overcrowded with men looking for work, yet its main purpose is seen in its continued effort to get London's burden out of the way and off on to other soil.

As an excuse for a larger navy Roosevelt emits this hypocritical sentence: "The state department is continually appealed to interfere on behalf of the peoples and nationalities who insist that they are suffering from oppression; now Jews in one country; now black men said to be oppressed by white men in Africa. Armenians, Koreans, Poles, Finns, representatives of all appeal at times to this government."

Why not be honest about it and admit that the idea of a larger navy is simply to get for American capitalism more of the world markets and to hold the navies of other corrupt nations at bay while weak peoples are looted!

There is not even the chance to hold out the dishonest bid to the common people that they also benefit from the world market crusades. American plutocracy is now head over ears in the world market, even the Congo has not escaped our Ryans and others of the kind, yet what do we see at home but gaunt misery stalking in every direction, a people living anxious and incomplete lives, and thousands on thousands of workers forced to walk the streets in idleness and almost afraid to return to their tearful families.

But we are compelled to keep on building warships!

One hundred clergymen and ministers of religion in England have affixed their signatures to a statement to the press declaring that the Socialism they believe in is the real political Socialism or the organized international Social-Democratic movement. The statement is as follows, and shows how Socialism is coming to the front in the island of Johnny Bull:

"We, the undersigned, ministers of Christian churches of various denominations, desire to make this declaration in view of the widely-circulated suggestion which has been made in the press and elsewhere that the Socialism we believe in differs fundamentally from the Socialism advocated by the various recognized Socialist organizations. We declare that the Socialism we believe in (sometimes called Christian Socialism) involves the public ownership and management of the means of production, distribution and exchange, and is therefore essentially the same Socialism as that which is held by Socialists throughout the world. Our Socialism is not less earnest nor less complete because it is inspired by our Christianity. The central teaching of Socialism is a matter of economics and may therefore be advocated by all men whether Christians or unbelievers; yet we feel as ministers of the Christian faith that this economic doctrine is in perfect harmony with our faith, and we believe that its advocacy is sanctioned and indeed required of us by the implications of our religion."

They didn't dare to do things in Revolutionary days that they do with impunity today!

In the great convention of 1787, when the Constitution of the United States was framed, a proposition was made that the Supreme Court judges should pass upon the constitutionality of the acts of Congress. This was defeated June 5, receiving the vote of only two of the states. It was renewed June 6, and again July 21, and finally, for the fourth time, it was urged on the 13th of August, but, though it had the powerful support of Mr. Madison and Mr. James Wilson, at no time did it receive the votes of more than three states.

Sooner or later the people of this country who believe in maintaining their freedom will have to grapple with this Supreme Court problem. They will also have to agitate in and out of season for a new and up-to-date Constitution for this nation. That, and a Supreme Court elected by the people, instead of having the life tenure. We must have a Supreme Court that will not have the power to tell us what our Constitution means, thus really making the law, and being thus also more powerful than the government itself.

The Social-Democratic giant is growing up for this and many other tasks that are in the line of our final aim—the emancipation of the people from industrial exploitation and class rule.

We would call the attention of our readers to the announcement of the new volume of the *HERALD* on page 4. The features there indicated will be a genuine surprise to our many readers, we are sure. In addition to the things promised in the prospectus we have already on our table several manuscripts that are notable. One of these, or a series of them, deals with insane asylums in Wisconsin, from the

pen of an asylum attendant. It is an attempt to show the horrors of the fee system as it works out in this one direction. The asylums written of are publicly maintained, and it is in the public interest to publish these complaints, the *HERALD* at the same time granting to those accused the right of reasonable space for justification of their work, if they desire. From the disclosures in the articles written for us, it appears that the insane asylums are in need of not only an investigation, but an investigation free from all intimidation of witnesses or official manipulation—in short, an investigation that will not be a whitewash. This is our feeling. We may be wrong in our suspicions, but still we have the suspicions. In our next issue we shall publish an article by Ben. Hanford, the last vice-presidential candidate of our party, now regarding health and strength lost in the unhealthy printer trade, by a sojourn at Fairhope, Alabama. We are already able to say that the new volume will be a good one, and you ought to be down on our books for every issue, and a bundle or two besides from time to time.

The Socialists of England seemed to lose faith in John Burns of Battersea when he left their ranks to accept a government office of considerable influence, but it would seem that he has not entirely lost track of his old-time principles, for as president of the local governing board of the cluster of cities making up the great world's metropolis he has begun a widespread investigation of graft in the local governing boards that has already sent one contractor and five guardians to gaol, as they say in England, and put a lot of others on the anxious seat. He has especially inquired into the administration of the poor law and in some districts found

The Pennsylvania Railroad inaugurated a philanthropic relief system for its employees some time ago and got a great deal of praise for it from press, pulpit and people. It was regarded as evidence anew of the real kind-heartedness that stood back of the great corporations. They are in business for profits and dividends, of course, but principally they are an aggregation of rich men anxious to render society a service. If we are to believe their interested eulogists they are partly in business to provide employment for proud American citizens, with the best in-

and after that is done, after the principle in the case has been well established, let the lawmakers go after the cut-throat land contract that is so much in vogue in real estate transactions, and the means of despoiling countless millions of people throughout the United States.

The laws have been finally shaped so as to require insurance companies to drop their little game of forfeits from lapsed policies.

And there will be no rest till city pension funds are straightened out in the same way.

And this base game is not at all original with the Pennsylvania road. Insurance companies and church societies have practiced it. Even municipalities have practiced it in regard to the pension funds for their policemen and firemen. But it is not less outrageous for that reason.

The priests of the Holy Roman church formerly claimed that feudalism and serfdom were "God ordained," and that one who resisted them was a rebel against God. Why? Because the priest shared in the benefits of the feudal system.

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Of course, the Roman Church also fears this: *Under Socialism every citizen—male or female—shall eat of the tree of knowledge.* And what will then become of the priests?

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The capitalistic mode of production agrees with the Roman Catholic religion in Italy, France, Spain or in America—and with Protestantism in Germany and in the United States—with Judaism wherever the Jew is the employer and with Shintoism in Japan. And those who are so-called "free thinkers" are no better if they are capitalists. They obey the same social laws which control all capitalistic society.

Surplus value and profit have nothing to do with religious dogma.

The most Christian capitalist can not do much more than the greatest infidel or vice versa. John D. Rockefeller is a very good Presbyterian. Charles H. Schwab of the steel trust is building Roman Catholic Churches. Andrew Carnegie is an infidel who is building libraries—and Jacob Schiff is a Jew who is founding schools for nurses. Other trustocrats are simply spending their money in riotous living. Yet the effect of all these men is exactly the same as far as the workingmen are concerned.

The conditions under which the workmen are made use of are not created by the individual capitalist or employer. They are the result of competition and the general relations of the market. The most Christian employer can pay no more than the "free thinker" or the Jew, but it will be to his distinct advantage if he can pay less.

It is capitalism and competition that are compelling the employing class to be cruel and brutal. The capitalist who would try to resist and to be altruistic would soon cease to be a capitalist. All he can do—is to parade his philanthropy by giving away some of his fleecings in "charity" or to the church.

And it is capitalism that is godless—but it is no more godless than was feudalism or the era of slavery.

Socialism will be less godless in as much as it will make the worker a man. How? By making society master of its social means of existence. By freeing the capitalist from the necessity of being a tyrant to his workmen. By freeing the workmen from the necessity of selling themselves to the capitalist for starvation wages and sacrificing their lives and the welfare of the next generation for capitalist profit. In short, by abolishing classes.

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And are we to understand that Rose, graft and greed are—godly?

Yes, he this as is may, since our clerical opponents have made Socialism "per se" the sole issue of the last municipal election in Milwaukee—we are more than willing that the fight should be so regarded.

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ARE ROSE AND GRAFT GODLY?

By Victor L. Berger.

DURING the recent municipal election in Milwaukee we had to contend not only with organized graft and organized capital. In alliance with these powers were the Roman Catholic priests of Milwaukee who organized ignorance and prejudice against us.

And we will not speak here of the Polish priests, who simply sold their sheep for so and so much per head to Rose, Mammon and Venus, without any further explanation. At the best they simply told their herd from the pulpit that they must vote for "King Dave," because he had "given" so and so much for the church. That they had in most instances "divided" with the church, before the church even had any chance to divide with them they did not tell. But it is this kind of "holy men" who had the satanic ingenuity to invent the lie of connecting Socialism with the robbery on the South Side—a lie which served their purpose with their ignorant voting cattle for the twenty-four hours of the election day.

These Polish priests represent a most brutal and grotesque phase of Romanism. They are not worthy of any argument.

However, it is different with the German Roman Catholic clergy.

All of the German Roman Catholics can read and write. Modern progress has enforced that in Germany even for the most intense Catholic districts. The German Roman Catholics cannot be sold off—indeed they must be reasoned with in some degree. So the German clergymen issued a number of leaflets against the Social-Democratic party in this municipal election—some of which came to our notice.

Of course, the fear of Hell and the devil are the ultima ratio—the last great argument. And with those who believe that the priest has the devil at his beck and call, we have no further discussion. They belong to the priest. And they must be ruled by the devil and vote the Democratic ticket.

We want to argue only with those Roman Catholics who—whatever they may believe otherwise—*also believe that the poor devil of a workingman ought to have a chance.*

All the anti-Socialist church leaflets issued by the Roman Catholic clergy seem to agree that Socialism is "godless." And the best written among them still say that while modern materialism has degraded workingmen to machines—"godless" Socialism would make "beasts" of them.

Modern materialism—evidently another word for irreligious capitalism—has not turned workingmen into machines. Even capitalism is a big step forward when compared with feudalism when the Roman church and the lords and barons reigned supreme and owned the bodies and souls of the workers.

But it is true that capitalism made the workers the servants of the machine.

And this is the queer aspect of it:

The capitalists and their spokesmen are on one hand striving to justify this degradation of the workingmen effected by the social conditions, and on the other hand they try to keep the workingmen from changing these conditions by claiming all sorts of vested rights and privileges and the authority of God.

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THE REASON for SOCIALISM

By H. ESELL.

"Always be ready to give an answer to any one who asks your reason for the hope that you cherish."

—Epistle of Peter.

Other Ways by Which Labor is Wasted. The Unemployed.

There are two classes of persons, each class constituting an immense army, and each class able and capable of performing labor and thereby becoming powerful factors in the world's achievements and progress, who are under our capitalist system elated and hindrance. The first we will call the army of the unemployed. To it reference has already been made.

Besides those who cannot find employment, the million or more of unemployed even when we are said to have general prosperity, is made up of tramps, vagrants, "gentlemen," "ladies," "sports," criminals, cripples, unfortunate, those who have had wealth thrust upon them by accident of birth or otherwise, and many others.

Waste of Labor in Useless Employment.

The other class is the army of the uselessly employed. It reaches the vast number of over seven millions of able bodied persons who work hard to avoid hard work, but with all their exertion add not one cent to the wealth of the nation, but are simply consumers of wealth who live upon the labor of others. This army is made up of politicians, speculators, promoters, gamblers, real estate agents, brokers, bankers, merchants, salesmen, agents, lawyers, bookkeepers, clerks, officers, policemen, soldiers, and others too numerous to mention. There is quite a tendency for these classes to increase in proportion to the increased productivity of useful labor by reason of the machine, and this proportion would maintain if useful labor would only be good and not demand more and more of the product. But as it is there arises a very severe strife between the two classes, and among the members of this uselessly employed class for as much of the wealth as possible after it is produced, and it is becoming more and more difficult for many of them to make a living by their wits. Yet they cling to this precarious means of making a living because useful work is looked upon as dishonorable, and besides is very often as unprofitable and uncertain as what they are doing, because under capitalism it also depends upon the will of another. When all these classes become convinced of the advantages of Socialism by which they will all be guaranteed regular and useful employment at its full product with reasonable hours, there will not be a one who will be willing to be disgraced by living the life of a parasite as he does now. Then the tables will be turned. It will be dishonorable to be uselessly employed.

I want to examine into these matters still more closely. There is not a healthy, normal person who has passed the age of ten years, even though he be blind or deaf, or crippled, who, with our modern method of production by means of machinery, is not able to produce more than enough to maintain himself, provided he is furnished such useful work as is adapted to his particular case. Instead of such persons being so employed our capitalist society prefers to allow them to become beggars and paupers, unclean and unsightly, a veritable curse to their selves and to all about them. There is useful work that every person who is not totally disabled can do, and would be a thousand times better off for doing. Even the child should have its regular task at useful work so as to learn how to work from its earliest years, but in making this statement I am advocating nothing like child labor as it is practised today, which simply makes the child a slave and does not render him even a decent living in return for his labor. I am advocating those manual training schools, and work shops for children where they are taught to actually make things for use, and not for play, and I am advocating that they receive full compensation for their work.

Waste by Diverting Useful Work.

A noted educator, in speaking of schools of this kind, says that the reason why they have not accomplished what they should have done is because they have been made play houses instead of actually doing things for some useful purpose, and the reason why they have not done the latter is because of the opposition of the manufacturing interests of the country who control the schools, as they control the pithpits, the press, the bar, and everything else. They oppose this step in progress for the same reason that they will not, or cannot furnish suitable employment to the unfortunate. There are too many others to take the job who can make more profits for them.

Under capitalism we find even the labor unions opposing the establishment of trade schools for fear the young men will take the places

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of the older ones. These unions did this very thing this year in Philadelphia; and we find these same labor unions limiting the number of apprentices to avoid too large a number of workmen in any trade. So it comes to pass that young men must grow up, and be compelled to enlist in one or the other of the two armies—the unemployed or the uselessly employed.

A most pitiful case came to my attention not long ago. A young man of good family, whose inclinations were of a mechanical turn, was very anxious to become a machinist. He applied to every shop he could hear of, went to several large cities, tramped from place to place, but was everywhere turned down, with the "none but experienced help wanted." worn out and disheartened, he wrote to his mother that he had about decided to commit some crime so they would put him into the penitentiary and then they would have to teach him a trade. When I heard this, I thought, "My God, what a civilization we have. And are there none who are touched and moved to action by such incidents as these which are taking place every day about us?" Is it possible that society is so debased that it will not notice this young man until he makes good this threat?

But I have illustrations of another type.

One of the most energetic and self sacrificing persons I know is a young man whose mind is weak. He seems to lack initiative and judgment, but when put at a thing under orders he does it with dispatch and precision that is wonderful. He seems nearer being a machine of flesh and blood than anything I have ever seen. He is truly useful if handled properly, as my experience with him proves, but through the impatience and cruelty of unsympathetic employers he has been driven from one thing to another until he has become an object of pity. The last time I saw him on the street he was weeping bitterly. These are the persons whose labor is wasted by a cold unsympathetic system.

The Saving Grace of the Machine.

Such a person put to work on a machine where little mind was needed would become a happy and contented citizen, a blessing to himself and all about him. Thus the machine will, under socialism, become the power of God for the salvation of all. It becomes sight to the blind, and strength to the halt and lame. All that stands in the way of its accomplishing this saving work is the devil of man's ignorance, selfishness, superstition and fear. But the devil has always been routed in the end, and today he is up against the machine and this machine will annihilate him, and in his place give economic freedom, human solidarity, and the greatest progress yet achieved.

The Blessing of Regular Work.

There is nothing that will produce such a crop of tramps, vagrants, "gentlemen," mistresses, sports, politicians and criminals as uncertain and irregular employment, at uncertain and discouraging compensation. If you want to make a person industrious and a wealth producer, let him be put to work, regular, useful work. Let him know each day that there is another day's work for him tomorrow. Let society see to it that he learns how to do some useful thing when he is young, and then let society see to it that he has an opportunity to do this thing when he grows up. Such a course alone will make a competent, useful workman. Such a course will be the disbanding of the armies of the unemployed and the uselessly employed and stop the waste for which they are responsible.

Waste in Advertising.

But I have something more to say of the uselessly employed. Every person so employed increases the waste of labor. I shall use but a few of the many illustrations at hand, and in doing so will call the attention of the reader to the fact that all this waste, this terrible drain upon the energy of the people grows out of the competition which still survives in the capitalist system.

Let us take first the matter of advertising. There are those who are proud to boast that in America we spend each year one billion of dollars for this purpose. Just think of that—one thousand million of dollars representing energy and labor thrown away, while the great mass of our people live in hovels and are destitute of the necessities of life, and those things which would make them self-respecting, and fit them for real progress.

How is this vast sum spent and for what purpose? Let those speak who know. Merrill A. Teague has recently been exposing Bucket Shop Sharks. He says, "This business is a villainy which takes from Americans of comparatively small earnings one hundred million real, honest dollars each year. One-third goes directly into the pockets of these thieves. The other two-thirds is tribute to the ostensibly respectable accomplices of the thieves, publishers of newspapers, brokers of standing in the world's stock markets, telegraph and telephone corporations. For the assistance of these rogues leading daily newspapers and periodicals freely offer advertising space—even seek their patronage."

Thomas W. Lawson in his Frenzied Finance series in showing how these contending interests fight each other, says:

"The news bureaus my enemies owned, of course, but also columns of the press were wide open to them for what ever they wanted to say. My scrap books show that they said things every hour in every day. I answered their accusations, but it cost me a fortune. The fact is I expended nearly three-quarters of a million dollars before I knocked out their scheme."

A news item informs us that the city of St. Louis will spend \$400,000 in advertising its advantages to the world, and that other cities are also raising various amounts for the same purpose.

City streets and country roads are lined with plank signs, in which gallons of paint, and thousands of feet of lumber are wasted, to say nothing of human labor wasted in constructing them. Electric signs waste millions of kilowatts of electricity on business streets already lighted to excess, while the masses live in dungeons.

Advertising schemes of every description are being worked and thousands are uselessly employed in this wasteful manner. Many of these schemes are immoral, and flood the country with immoral pictures and printed matter. Even the religious press is caught in the excitement and is ready to bid for its share of the spoils, as this incident will show:

In a certain city several years ago, the Y. M. C. A. and church organizations hired a noted temperance lecturer for ten lectures at ten dollars each. He denounced, as injurious, and as leading to the drink habit, certain patent medicines and certain drinks sold at soda fountains, while at the same time these medicines and drinks are being advertised in the church papers, and a monthly sheet issued by the Y. M. C. A. Of course these papers are dependent upon the capitalist system as long as it lasts, like all the rest of us, and so the incentive to take money for advertising anything and everything is too strong to resist.

In fact the argument is made that all this is a good thing because it gives employment to labor, and under capitalism there is some truth in this. Just as it is true the more destructive fires we have, and the more destructive of property we are, and the more watchful we are, the more employment there is for labor, and it is more than probable that many fires involving the loss of millions could find an explanation here.

Polish Priests and American Politics.

The report from Milwaukee that Polish priests of that city abused their spiritual influence on the eve of the recent municipal election by instructing their parishioners to vote against the Socialist party, is a serious matter. That the object of their opposition was a political party whose doctrines most of us do not accept, makes no difference. The principle is the same and the danger as great as if it were the party of Lincoln or the party of Jefferson. And that the Milwaukee report is substantially true, there is good reason to believe. In Chicago, at any rate, it is understood that Polish and Italian priests frequently take advantage of their spiritual authority to influence elections by commanding their parishioners in the use of their vote. It is this sort of thing that feeds the fires of anti-Catholic prejudice in this country; and American Catholics who recognize the importance of keeping church and state apart, ought to be alert in discouraging it. As important to them as to the rest of us, is it

that priestly intervention in politics be frowned upon. When Daniel O'Connell said for Ireland, "All the religion you please from Rome, but no politics" he phrased the American as well as the Irish idea. We of this country believe in religious freedom for all churches; but it is reasonably expected that churches will reciprocate by at least refraining from coercive interference with the freedom of voters at elections.—*The Public*.

Public Funds in Private Hands.

The People (Ill.) Star (Ind.), March 8.—Why should we allow William Waldorf Astor to collect every year \$9,000,000 in rents for real estate in New York City and spend the same in London in catering to the old aristocracy? Why should we allow the Golets and the Bradley-Martins to do the same thing? The Golets are the descendants of an old French Huguenot who located on Manhattan Island and started a truck farm. He left his real estate to his descendants. One of his sons for many years kept the old cow pasture intact, except that he pastured

Liberty, Soap and Wall Street

By ERNEST POOLE

Written for the HERALD.

STRAIGHT out from Ellis Island in the harbor of New York towers the Liberty goddess holding her torch. The red peasants look at her in awe. From Manhattan, the people seldom look; and when they do, some of them smile. For a good story hangs round this symbol of an old passion, so battered and dingy amid all the dazzling lights grown around her, a capital story—and true.

Some six years ago, when the city of New York was cutting expenses, some one suggested that the light in the torch be abandoned.

Why be sentimental? The cost of the torch was ten thousand a year. It seemed a good deal to waste on one old light that had grown white and dim under the skyscraper sparkle from Wall Street. It could be of no use any longer. And this is an age of use. So the old light was extinguished.

But somewhere in America someone heard and fired with anger. He wrote a long letter to City Hall, he told them just how he felt—how deeply grieved at this insult to the old beacon. And then he asked them to give him permission to kindle again at his own expense the torch that had meant so much to the great American people. "And all I ask in return," he concluded, "is that our firm be allowed to place across the feet of the Goddess this simple sign: 'The B— Soap is guaranteed Pure.'"

Some things can make even business minds sentimental. The city re-kindled the light—without the sign. But as though to point the story, another firm of soapmakers have set their sign—a huge, brilliant, sparkling affair, high up in the heavens behind—for a symbol of millions of signs that are flashing all over the country, on city

the Goelet cow on it. The city grew up around it until it was worth \$2,000,000, but as long as Robert Goelet lived it remained a cow pasture. People in other parts of the city are crowded into unhealthy tenements until New York City is the most populous place on the globe, and their united efforts enriched the Goelets. Why should they be allowed to collect money arising from a condition of things that is not due in any measure to their industry or foresight?

Old Age Pensions.

Paris.—It is believed that the French parliament will put into effect this year an old age pension law. The chamber of deputies has passed a measure that hitherto has been held up in the senate. The objection of the senators, it is believed, will be overcome.

The proposed law is based upon the theory that improvidence is a social evil, and that the state should compel the workmen to put aside part of their earnings to provide for their old age. By the terms of the bill, workmen contribute 2 per cent of their wages and the employers a like percentage during a period of thirty years, thus creating a fund which the workman thereafter is to receive an annual minimum pension of \$72. The state is to contribute only when the forced savings of the workmen do not create a fund large enough to furnish a pension of that amount. Figures as to what this would involve in the way of state liability differ widely, for statistics of wages earned are hazy.

Upon the promulgation of the law, it is proposed to grant annual pensions to all workmen over 60 who have worked thirty years and then gradually to increase the scale of pensions of those "graduating" each successive year, until at the end of thirty years' all will receive at least \$72. The number of persons who would be entitled to pensions the first year varies, according to the estimates, from 1,054,000 to 2,000,000, and the state's liability in the beginning varies from \$8,000,000 to \$18,000,000. The chamber has agreed to the principle of absolutely limiting the government liability for the present to \$20,000,000 annually.

Hebrew Socialist Fellowship

Appreciating the success of our Christian comrades, and believing that the ethics of Judaism and Socialism are identical, a number of Hebrew Socialists of New York City have decided to issue this call for a permanent organization of the disciples of Moses and Marx, the two Jewish intellectual giants. The H. S. F. will have for its object the propagation of the principles of Hebrew Socialism—as first expounded by Moses on Mount Sinai, and subsequently elaborated by his lineal descendant Karl Marx among Rabbis, Talmadists and orthodox Hebrews in every synagogue and Mikvah in this broad land.

For further particulars inquire of the secretary.

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Dr. Kalofell—"The kind you make!"

Judge Woolack—"No. The kind you make."—*Town Topics*.

the railroads, the factories, mines and newspapers and schools. Try as they will to look away, by new and stupendous audacities it compels eighty millions to look, as the plainsman now was looking. And of all the sights in the great harbor that night, there was none more vital, more deeply symbolic than this—the big plainsman staring at Wall Street.

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AT THE THEATERS.

PABST.

Theater goers are anticipating with pleasure the opening of the English Stock Company's season at the Pabst Theater on Monday night when "The Tree of Knowledge," a modern society play, written by R. C. Carton, will be presented. More than usual interest attaches to the opening of the English Stock Company's season, for it established a reputation last season for high-class plays and players that was an enviable one, indeed. Miss Janet Beecher, a favorite last season, and also Robert Coates and Miss



Miss Mary Hall, the leading woman of the Sherman Brown Company, played the title role in the play under Mr. Belasco's management. Another extraordinary announcement is that Theodore Roberts, the greatest living character actor, will make his debut with the company next week, playing Frank Keenan's role of Jack Rance.

The opening night, April 27, will be a testimonial to Mr. Hugh McGrath Camp No. 4 of the Spanish-American War Veterans.

BIJOU

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Janet Beecher.

Helen Strickland will appear in the opening bill. Among the new players in whom much interest is manifested are Miss Christine Norman, a Belasco star, who will have a leading part; Miss Mary Hunterford, recently leading woman for Arnold Daly; Jack Standing, Edward Poland, George LeGuere, George Farren and Edward Ellis. The opening performance will be a society event with indications of a "sold out" house. The mail order sale was heavy, and there has been a rush at the box office ever since the regular sale opened. The second weeks offering will be "Catherine," Henri Lavedan's great comedy.

DAVIDSON

By special arrangement with the author, Mr. David Belasco, and by the payment of the largest royalty ever given for a stock presentation of a play, Manager Brown has secured "The Girl of the Golden West," for its first and only presentation at the hands of a stock organization. It will be recalled that with Blanche Bates in the title role and Frank Keenan in the role of Jack Rance, the sheriff, the play

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[From Rose's Inaugural Message Read to Council April 21.]

"There are LOTS OF SALLOONS WITH STALS IN MILWAUKEE. Some of them are harmless, some are not, but the only way out of it is to rip them all out. The saloon business has got to be entirely open and above board and there is no reason why it cannot be conducted in that way.

"There has been such persistent, malicious misrepresentation in respect to this matter that there seems to be a popular belief that such places exist, when in fact they do not. For years detectives have been detailed to the special service of watching for places of this character and whenever they have been found they have been immediately closed and the licenses revoked. (!)

"If any person, layman or ecclesiastic, knows of the existence of such a place HE IS INVITED TO MAKE IT KNOWN."

"This city HAS BEEN SLANDERED and her good name traduced, and it is time to call a halt."

"Willful FALSEHOOD, positive VINDICTIVENESS, or unpardonable IGNORANCE is responsible, and either is reprehensible. Men who essay to teach from the pulpit should be held to at least speak the truth, if not of individuals certainly of matters that appeal to the general welfare. Those who employ and pay them may be satisfied with political harangues from consecrated places, but those who are made the victims of those harangues have the right to invoke the law in defense of private character when unjustly assailed by political mountebanks though masquerading in robes of Christians."

"I came up on the train the other night from Chicago and fell into conversation with Pres. Miller of the Miller Brewing Co. He said all the brewers in town but one had agreed to pull out the stalls on July 1.

"These brewers will remove their furnishings from every saloon that has stalls or winerooms. While this movement is going on some of the hotels ought to be prohibited from serving meals and drinks in private dining rooms on the second floor—rooms that can be locked."

and attractive kind of a theatrical play called "The Cowboy Girl," which comes to the Bijou for one week, beginning with the usual Sunday matinee tomorrow. A souvenir matinee on Wednesday and the regular Saturday matinee. This production is under the direction of the extravagant producers, Kilroy-Britton. A very interesting dramatic story is told, and the situations are at times sensational. The scenery is picturesque and the cast is strong. There are seven original song hits, introduced by a brilliant chorus of show girls.

Stetson's Double "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Co. will present "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Bijou the week of May 3.

MAJESTIC.

At the Majestic next week, commencing Monday afternoon, Mr. Emmet Devoy will present as the headline attraction "In Dreamland," an offering which is big with novelty, merit and beauty combined. "In Dreamland" combines a clever story, a number of mystifying illusion effects, and a definitely pointed moral, and also requires the services of six others, including two electricians.

Violet Dale, who is acclaimed as the world's greatest mimic, will be



of mistaken identity, entitled "His Honey Moon," the Lugi-Picaro Trio of acrobats, and Gilmore and Castle, in black-face singing, talking and dancing, are other big features.

GAYETY.

Shows may come and go, but the one that will long be remembered by theater-goers is the "Hip Hip Hooray" company, known as the "Dainty Duchess," which comes to the Gayety Sunday afternoon for one week, featuring Hanon's famous "Auto Bee," which is becoming the talk of the country. The show itself is full of tuneful catchy song hits, beautiful and shapely maids, and actually comic comedians.

STAR THEATER

One of the real shows will be seen at the New Star commencing Sunday afternoon, when "Williams' Ideals" will lay out their attractive line of goods for the inspection of burlesque admirers. The show is one of the strongest and one of the most popular on the road, and will offer a lot of catchy music and dance numbers in the hands of pretty girls and nimble dancers. There are two one-act burlettas, "A Day At the Beach" and "The Isle of Mault."

ALHAMBRA

Mr. John P. Goring will present at the Alhambra next week, starting with a Sunday matinee, the great musical comedy success, "The Show Girl," which has enjoyed a run of more than six hundred

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wasn't so long ago when people
thought that if a person had any
sympathy for Socialism he must
hate it. Now it seems as though it
is a good testimonial to a person in
some cases to have it known that
they are Socialists.

RACINE. Comrade Brown's
Sunday evening meetings close in
Racine next Sunday night for the
present. The plan is to start them
up again in the fall.

The state organizer spoke at
Racine last Sunday night to a splen-
did audience.

Comrade Jacobs of Racine, dis-
trict organizer, is planning for a
number of trips during the sum-
mer through the district.

KENOSHA. The local has just
sent in \$41.50 to pay up its full
dues, including the special assess-
ment for the national convention.
Kenosha proposed to be in the game
to the finish, and to the limit.
Watch for a big campaign this fall.

MADISON. Comrade Jacobs is
doing some work at Madison and
the comrades are planning for big
things. Comrade Leiserson's oration
on Socialism at the University
has created a great deal of interest.
Comrade Saposs, a member of
the Socialist club of the university,
has been in Milwaukee, looking up
material for a debate. In every direc-
tion there is a great awakening
of interest in all sociological prob-
lems.

BELOIT. The comrades are
trying to arrange to revive their
local in Beloit and the one in Janes-
ville, so as to get a ticket in the
field next fall. Comrade Jacobs, the
district organizer, and Comrade
Acker, are both spending consider-
able time in these fields.

WORCESTER. An interested
friend writes that he believes an oc-
casional lecture here will do lots
of good for the cause. We will cer-
tainly see that they get the lecturer.

MANITOWOC. The local com-
rades have applied for a date for
Comrade Harvey Dee Brown. The
local is planning for the fall cam-
paign.

DIST. ORGANIZER SAND-
BURG writes in a circular letter
to the local in the Fox River Dis-
trict that during the last few weeks
the membership of three locals has
doubled, two have increased more
than fifty per cent, and several new
branches have been started. Com-
rade Sandburg is working "man to
man" as he says, getting them to
join the local, to pay up their dues,
and to look up new members. He
is also holding occasional noon-
day meetings at the factories.

BAYFIELD. Comrade Mrs.
Sargeant writes that she believes
that if they could get a good soap
box speaker, they would catch a
good many people for Socialism.

CANTON. Comrade Lowell is
working up arrangements for some
meetings later on.

RHINELANDER. One of the
active comrades is urging the plan
of raising money to secure a county
organizer for a month or two in
Oneida County. He believes good
work can be done in Rhinelander
and vicinity. The people in Rhine-
lander are showing a gratifying
anxiety to learn about Socialism.
This is the way it looks all over the
state now.

BROWN'S LECTURES. As
announced last week, Harvey Dee
Brown will begin a tour of the state
of Wisconsin the first of June. Locals
are already asking for dates,
and the comrades everywhere

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Ernst Mau50
H. Bretlow 1.00
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Social-Democratic Notes.

The South Side Social-Democratic Women's Branch has made arrangements for a prize Schafskopf party and sociable to be held Sunday afternoon, May 10, at Henry Smith's Hall, corner of Twenty-first Avenue and Rogers Street, and committee on arrangements will leave nothing undone to make this one of the greatest entertainments which the Women's Branch has held up to date. Therefore cordially invite all of the party members, sympathizers and their friends to be present. Admission to the card party will be 10c, and the sociable will follow in the evening.

The Vorwaerts Socialist Singing Society has arranged for a prize Schafskopf tournament to be held Sunday afternoon, May 10, at 2714 North Avenue. The play will commence promptly at 2 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

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Town Topics by the Town Crier.

All the time boozy, was the campaign motto of at least one of Dave Rose's aldermen-at-large candidates!

Rose didn't like the provision to throw open the job of reference librarian to the entire state, and says we have competent men right here in Milwaukee. Is Dave Rose framing up another plumb à la Lemanski?

To think of a man like Ald. Lemanski at the head of Milwaukee's unparalleled Municipal Water Works is enough to make the gods weep. But Dave Rose never did lose an official opportunity to try to bring discredit on municipal ownership.

Those little girls who called to congratulate the mayor probably did not realize that the hand they shook was the hand that had sought for years to make Milwaukee immoral and an unfit and unsafe place for little girls to grow up virtuous in.

When the Social-Democratic aldermen voted against the Lemanski appointment Dave Rose's face began to twitch with inward satisfaction. They had voted against a Pole, seemed to be the thought that worked the muscles of his countenance. Then when they voted in favor of Tomkiewicz, another Pole, his face dropped, in spite of his efforts to hide his chagrin.

The Free Press thinks it was inconsistent for Ald. Stiglbauer to place in nomination for president a man like Ald. Corcoran. "Fudge! Stiglbauer's goodness" has always smacked of hypocrisy, and besides, Corcoran was sure to be chosen, and it was a good politician's play for a committed chairmanship. Stiglbauer belongs in Corcoran's class, although some newspapers have tried to give him a guileless character.

Rose's "Personal Liberty" signs before election seem to have produced results already. Last Tuesday a man named Einkel out on Twenty-second street, was annoyed by some boys who were trespassing on a side hill that he owned and he brought out a shot gun and blazed away at them! Two of the boys were wounded and had to be carried away, and one, whose parents live at Twenty-four and a Half and Vine streets, is said to be in the hospital.

This did not happen at Medicine Hat or Dead Men's Gulch, but right on the outskirts of civilized Milwaukee.

So far as we know the man with the shotgun is still at liberty and unmolested by the authorities.

To the victor belongs the spoils! That has always been the doctrine of the Democratic party. "Dying for principle is all *not*," Dave says, and he makes no efforts to hide the fact that he had the spoils *all promised out* in exchange for votes before election day. It has been a case of spoils, even in little things—from the plumb standpoint. And where he could not keep the spoils in his own party, as in the case of the library and museum boards, he at least was careful to keep them within the capitalist party fold. The Social-Democratic party is not a capitalist party, hence, although its aldermen outnumber the Republi-

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Many an innocent but vivacious girl has met her downfall in these laces.

These and the stall saloons have been the feeders to the European hotel bed-houses, which sprang up all over the lower wards during the Rose regime and continued under Becker. And when the Social-Democratic aldermen put some of the worst of them on a council blacklist under both the Rose and Becker administrations, who was it fought to keep these places secure in their business but the same Chief Janssen, who, now that the brewers say he may, is trying to undo some of the rotteness which his policy under both old party administrations has largely been responsible for.

But this is no time to look to motives. If these girl-traps—these traps set for the working girls of Milwaukee both in factory and store—are to be lessened even to a small degree, it means some less of our daughters caught in the maelstrom of vice and bad citizenship, and all decent Milwaukeeans should demand that the administration do the job well now that circumstances have compelled it to move.

We well know that there have been many Milwaukee fortunes built and increased out of this fearful demoralization. We know that corrupted womanhood and demoralized manhood has set in circulation many a dollar in Milwaukee's business world—that that is, in short, a capitalist problem—and there has therefore got to be a big moral pressure to even compel a little relief. For IT PAYS, and the business conscience is at best a pocketbook conscience. Get the money, no matter how, is the business motto.

MORE CLANCY PANHANDLING!
It is reported that three members of the fire department are now busy taking up an enforced collection from the firemen to pay Chief Clancy's legal expenses in his trial for perjury as a result of the grand jury indictment against him.

We presume the chief will say he knew nothing about it.

But there is a rule of the department that no collection can be taken up without the chief's express permission. It was by using this rule that the chief got at the men in the department who made up a fund to support the Bletcher Bill at Madison, which provided for just trials for the men before they and their dependents could be cut off from all their rights in the pension fund. Clancy's chief activity since he became chief has been in trying to get at the Bletcher Bill men in the department on any pretext he could find or trump up.

Now if these three men, who are trying to extort lawyer money for him are doing so without his permission, then it is his duty to discharge them. It is up to him, either one way or the other.

From several sources we have received word that the three men are ROLAND HUBBARD, engineer of Engine Co. No. 3, where the chief's brother is captain; JOSEPH EMLER, shop carpenter of the repair shop of the department; and FRED BANHOLZ, pipeman of Fire Boat No. 15. It is said that these men have visited the fire houses and have gotten the men in an upper room and called for \$5 from pipemen and drivers, \$8 from lieutenants and assistant engineers, \$10 from engineers, and \$15 from captains. The money is to be paid by May 1, it is said, to HUBBARD.

The hold-ups in the department are simply fearful. The men are not free in the matter. To refuse to contribute to a collection that the chief is interested in, means almost certain decapitation sooner or later. In fact the chief has told more than one man that he had been waiting for a chance to get at him because of the Bletcher Bill. And the men are absolutely helpless, with no place to go to appeal for a square deal. The Fire and Police Commission is principally made up of monkey-workers, who are simply part of the administration machine. It is a disgrace to the city that its fire department should be in the hands of such men as Schoen and Carpenter. So the men are helpless.

But it is about time for Chief Clancy to declare himself one way or the other in this collection matter. It is up to him.

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A Lively Time!

The meeting of the civic societies at the St. James Church, Tuesday evening took a rather surprising turn. The subject of municipal ownership had been announced.

The main speaker failed to appear, and those having the meeting in charge, hastily called in a number of local speakers. About the middle of the program, Assemblyman Thompson, W. R. Gaylord, and a few other Socialists came in.

Comrade Thompson was called upon and gave a short address on local problems. Three issues, he claimed, were vital—home rule for the city, direct legislation by the people, and the public ownership of public utilities.

The effort to solve the problem of municipal government by electing twelve aldermen-at-large had worked out disastrously for those who had proposed it. And they were already proposing to change it. The cry for a non-partisan municipal election was only another effort to evade the real issues.

At this point the evident interest of the three hundred or so men present in the exposition of Socialist principles, led some one to offer warning.

Bob Gets His.

Then the fun started. Robert Shilling sprang to his feet and insisted that he was the father of the direct legislation movement in this country. That it was due to his effort, that the subject was first brought to the attention of the people of America. He accused the Socialists of stealing his thunder.

By this time the people were beginning to call for Berger from different parts of the hall, and as soon as he could Comrade Berger took the chance to expose Shilling's bumbomb. He said: "In 1847, several years before Robert Shilling was born, Emil Rittenhouse, who was afterwards elected to the German Reichstag as a Socialist, worked out and presented the principle of direct legislation. He agitated for the initiative and referendum and was compelled to leave the country. He went to Switzerland and there agitated for the initiative and referendum. The idea was immediately taken up by the Grutli Bund, and the Swiss Socialists. In time it was adopted in almost every canton and later by the Swiss Federation. From the very first direct legislation has been a stock plank in every platform of the Social-Democratic party all over the world."

"In the United States," he continued, "as early as 1859, the Socialist Turner Societies in Cincinnati were agitating for the initiative and referendum and recall in their platforms. And the Turners have had these measures in their platforms from that day to this. In 1867, a quarter of a century before the Populist party had ever been dreamed of, the Social-Democratic

party in New York had the initiative and referendum in its platform.

And it has been in every platform of the Socialist party from that day to this. So much for stealing our thunder!"

"I will say this," he added, "we are quite willing to have anybody steal our thunder if they will. Gentlemen, we would be glad to have you steal the whole Social-Democratic platform if you will."

Some one proposed that the civic federations appoint a committee of five to attend the sessions of the forthcoming charter conventions, and use their influence to adopt the initiative and referendum in the new city charter.

Rule of the Mob, Says Gregory.

Then another man burned his fingers. This resolution was strongly opposed by Mr. John, Gregory, of the Evening Wisconsin, who claimed that such an effort would result in the "RULE OF THE MOB!" A motion was made to postpone consideration of the question in order to give the members

a chance to learn more about the measures.

The matter was postponed to the next meeting, however, and a motion was immediately made to invite Comrades Thompson, Berger and Gaylord to be present and speak on the initiative and referendum and recall.

The Ethiopian in the Woodpile.

An effort was made